

**MINUTES of MEETING of ARGYLL AND BUTE HSCP FINANCE AND POLICY COMMITTEE
held in the VIA SKYPE
on FRIDAY, 25 SEPTEMBER 2020**

Present: Councillor Kieron Green, Argyll and Bute Council (Chair)
Sarah Compton Bishop, NHS Highland Non-Executive Board Member (Vice Chair)
Councillor Sandy Taylor, Argyll and Bute Council
Professor Boyd Robertson, NHS Highland Non-Executive Board Member

Attending: Joanna MacDonald, Chief Officer, Argyll and Bute HSCP
Judy Orr, Head of Finance and Transformation, Argyll and Bute HSCP
Fiona Broderick, Staffside Lead, Argyll and Bute HSCP (Health)
Kevin McIntosh, Staffside Lead, Argyll and Bute Council (Council)
Caroline Cherry, Head of Adult Services, Argyll and Bute HSCP
Charlotte Craig, Business Improvement Manager, Argyll and Bute HSCP
David Forshaw, Principal Accountant, Argyll and Bute Council
Hazel MacInnes, Committee Services Officer, Argyll and Bute Council
George Morrison, Head of Finance, Argyll and Bute HSCP
Dr Nicola Shinaia, Associate Director of Public Health, Argyll and Bute HSCP
Mandy Sheridan, Unit Manager, Children and Families (on behalf of Patricia Renfrew)
Stephen Whiston, Head of Planning and Performance, Argyll and Bute HSCP

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Gary Mulvaney, Julie Lusk and Patricia Renfrew.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

3. MINUTES

The Minutes of the meeting of the Finance and Policy Committee held on 28 August 2020 were approved as a correct record.

Councillor Sandy Taylor joined the meeting at this point.

4. BUDGET MONITORING AS AT 31 AUGUST 2020

The Committee gave consideration to a report providing a summary of the financial position of the Health and Social Care Partnership as at 31 August 2020. The report noted that there was considerable uncertainty around the financial impact of the Covid-19 pandemic.

Decision

The Finance and Policy Committee –

1. Noted the forecast outturn position for 2020-21 was a forecast overspend of £2.746m as at 31 August 2020 and that there was a year to date overspend of £2.337m as at the same date.
2. Noted the above position excluded any provision for Scottish Government assistance with non-delivery of savings due to Covid-19, or for the on-going dispute with NHS Greater Glasgow & Clyde.

(Reference: Report by Head of Finance and Transformation dated 25 September 2020, submitted)

5. COVID-19 RESPONSE AND FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

The Committee gave consideration to a report providing an overview of the Health and Social Care Partnership's Covid-19 mobilisation readiness and its future planning for living and operating with Covid-19. The report provided a snapshot of the financial estimates of the costs of dealing with the Covid-19 response. The cost estimates were updated on a regular basis and subject to considerable uncertainties.

Decision

The Finance and Policy Committee –

1. Noted the details provided in relation to Covid-19 response and associated mobilisation plan costing.
2. Acknowledged the uncertainties in the cost elements submitted.
3. Noted that the Scottish Government had in principle approved all mobilisation plans, but that approval for individual cost lines had not yet been received.

(Reference: Report by Head of Finance and Transformation dated 25 September 2020, submitted)

6. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The date of the next meeting was noted as Friday 30 October 2020 at 1.30pm.